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SUBJECT: ARAB TERRORIST SITUATION REPORT DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1973
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1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO PREVIOUS SITUATION REPORTS ON CAPTIONED SUBJECT. THESE REPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISSEMINATED, BUT CURRENT EVENTS AND NEED WILL DETERMINE THE REGULARITY OF SUCH REPORTS.

2. THE MATERIAL IN THIS REPORT IS TAKEN FROM A VARIETY OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AND KEPT ON FILE IN THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. THE INFORMATION COMES FROM A MULTITUDE OF SOURCES, SOME EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND IN MANY INSTANCES MAY BE RAW UNEVALUATED MATERIAL. AN EFFORT IS MADE TO PRESENT ACTS AND PROPOSED ACTS WHICH HAVE IMPLICATIONS VIS A VIS OUR PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES BASED ON THESE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION, AS WELL AS CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

3. DURING THE LATEST MIDDLE EAST WAR, OCTOBER 1973, AND THE SUBSEQUENT UNSTEADY CEASEFIRE, THE FEDAYEEN (PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS) HAVE PLAYED A LIMITED ROLE. SURPRISINGLY, THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE ABSENCE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL AND/OR PROPERTY. THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED REPORTS OF CONTINGENCY PLANS, ESPECIALLY AGAINST U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND BUSINESS TARGETS IN LEBANON, BUT THE TERRORISTS HAVE NOT EXECUTED ANY PLANS THUS FAR. (THE ATTACK ON THE BANK OF AMERICA IN BEIRUT IN OCTOBER WAS APPARENTLY CARRIED OUT BY CRIMINALS RATHER THAN PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS.

4. THE DISUNITY WITHIN THE MOVEMENT AND THEIR LACK OF DEFINITE IDEAS TOWARDS THE WAR HAVE TENDED TO INHIBIT THE TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE MORE EXTREMEIST ELEMENTS DO REJECT THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING WITH ISRAEL (THE U.S. IS DIRECTLY TIED TO ISRAEL AND HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS ABILITY TO FIGHT THE ARABS). THE ROAD THESE TERRORISTS WILL TAKE IS DIRECTLY TIED TO THE MOVEMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE MIDEAST. IF THE PROBLEM OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS NOT SETTLED SATISFACTORILY, MORE ACTS CAN BE ANTICIPATED. SOME MOD-

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ERATE ELEMENTS HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN A POSSIBLE "PEACE" CONFERENCE BUT THERE IS INCREASING FEDAYEEN OPPOSITION TO ANY SUCH CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT ANY REAL ATTENTION WILL BE AFFORDED TO THE PALESTINIAN PLIGHT.

5. RECENT INTELLIGENCE REFLECTS A NUMBER OF PLANS BEING FORMULATED TO TARGET SUPPORTERS OF ISRAEL, INCLUDING OPERATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS, GREECE, ITALY, UNITED KINGDOM, CYPRUS, AND TURKEY, AS WELL AS AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AND INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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(ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH SISCO ARRIVES IN BEIRUT ON 10 NOVEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. ATTEMPTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MIDEAST COMBATANTS)

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7. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S TRIP TO VARIOUS MIDEAST CAPITALS PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO REPORTED OPERATIONS TARGETTING HIM DURING THAT VISIT.

8. THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS HAVE APPARENTLY TAKEN A WAIT-AND-SEE STAND, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF MOUNTING TERRORIST ACTS, EVEN WITHIN THIS COUNTRY, AND THEY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM LEGAL ARAB GOVERNMENTS.

9. 7 NOVEMBER 1973 NEW SCOTLAND YARD ADVISED THE FBI THAT INFORMATION FROM A FRIENDLY FOREIGN POWER INDICATED THAT PALESTINIANS WERE INITIATING A NEW WAVE OF LETTER BOMBS TO BE DIRECTED TO U.S. PERSONNEL AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LONDON. UPI REPORTED THAT SCOTLAND YARD HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ARAB GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS ARE PREPARING A NEW WAVE OF LETTER BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI SUPPORTERS IN WESTERN EUROPE, TO PROBABLY INCLUDE PERSONS OF NON-JEWISH ORIGIN AND BUSINESS HOUSES WHO MAY HAVE SUPPORTED ISRAEL DURING THE RECENT CONFLICT.

FURTHER INQUIRIES BY THE FBI REFLECT THAT THE INFORMATION IS "VAGUE". THE FRIENDLY FOREIGN POWER INDICATED AS THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THE LETTER BOMBS WILL POSSIBLY BE POSTED IN EUROPE AND IDENTITIES OF POSSIBLE VICTIMS WERE NOT SPECIFIED. REPORTEDLY A NEW LETTER BOMB WAVE WAS TO HAVE BEGUN IN OCTOBER, BUT WAS DELAYED BY THE OUTBREAK OF WAR.

10. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS CLASSIFIED SECRET/NO FOREIGN

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